



# ABNER KREISBERG

*Numismatist*

228 NORTH BEVERLY DRIVE  
BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA

CRESTVIEW 1-4281

BRADSHAW 2-5833

July 15, 1954

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

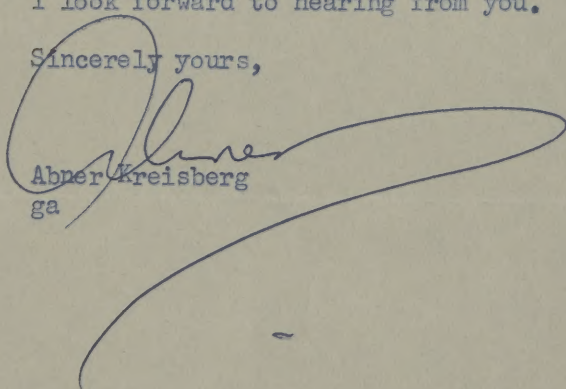
Dear Eric:

It has been sometime since I have heard from you. As you can see, I am now in business for myself. I sure would appreciate it, if when you decide to sell some of your material, that you let me know as I am in the market to replenish my stock.

I hope that you and your family are well.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

  
Abner Kreisberg  
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August 8, 1955

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

I will be attending the convention in Omaha and if you like, I will be glad to stop and see you regarding the purchase of your collection.

Also, if you have any special wants let me know and if available, I will be glad to bring along with me or send directly to you for your approval.

Please let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

*Abner Kreisberg*

ABNER KREISBERG

ga



December 31, 1956

Mr. Abner Kreisberg  
228 North Beverly Drive  
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Abner:

You advertised a Washington Ship halfpenny, in uncirculated condition recently, and if you still have it I would appreciate it if you would send it to me on approval. I would like to improve my specimen, if possible.

Your forthcoming auction appears to have considerable fine material and among other things I notice a nice group of North Carolina and South Carolina paper currency. Are there any other states included in this group?

Kindest regards for the New Year.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

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DATE 1/2/57

TO Mr. Eric P. Newman  
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.  
400 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis 2, Missouri

This merchandise is sent on consignment and title does not pass until paid for in full.

APPROVAL - per your letter 12/31

1	1793 Ship Halfpenny - uncir., but not choice.....Scarce	\$ 30.00
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Letter will following regarding the Menjou Auction  
Sale.





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January 3, 1957

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.  
400 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Glad to hear from you again.....it has been quite a while.

Under separate cover, I have sent the Washington Ship Halfpenny. Some of the other specimens are really choice, and if you would like to see them, I will be glad to send them also.

I will be glad to take care of your bids when you send your bid sheet to me.

Don't forget, if you have any items you wish to sell at any time, I will be glad to buy them.

Best regards and Happy New Year!

Sincerely yours,

AK:ga

January 4, 1957

Mr. Abner Kreisberg  
228 North Beverly Drive  
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Abner:

If you have some choice Colonials I have a friend, here in St. Louis, who no doubt will be interested and you may send anything you want to me and one of us will try to buy it.

I will be glad to send you my bids for the auction although many of the descriptions are rather inadequate.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb



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DATE 1/8/57

TO Mr. Eric P. Newman  
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.  
400 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis 2, Missouri

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## APPROVAL

1 each	1791 Small Eagle, unc.	\$ 30.00
	1791 Large Eagle, proof	135.00
	1791 Small Eagle, Proof	135.00
	1783 Draped Bust, Silver, restrike. Proof	40.00
	1795 Undated Penny. Uncir.	30.00
	Washington Gold (\$10 size) (Time Increases His Fame) Proof. Rare	<u>110.00</u>
		\$ 480.00
	post. & handl.....	<u>.75</u>
		\$ 480.75

*Eric:*

Thank you for your letter of January 4. We are sending you the enclosed for your approval, and we hope you like them.

*These prices have been reduced to you from our advertised prices - Don't forget me when you decide to sell some of your "choices" -*  
*Regards*  
*Abner*

January 16, 1957

Mr. Abner Kreisberg  
228 North Beverly Drive  
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Abner:

Under separate cover I am returning the coins which you were nice enough to forward to me. I have all of them in better condition.

I also wish to call your attention to the fact that I believe the two Washington small eagles were switched in their positions in the card and I left them that way.

I am enclosing my bid sheet for the forthcoming sale but I am sincerely disappointed in the way some of the material is catalogued as one has no idea what he is bidding for.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

BPN/atb



June 21, 1957

Mr. Abner Kreisberg  
228 North Beverly Drive  
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Abner:

Thank you for your letter of June 18, 1957.

I already have a 1794 dollar in extremely fine condition and therefore I would not be interested in the one you have. I could have bought this particular one for \$1,000 at one time but thought it was too high then.

When you say it is rarer than the 1804 dollar you are insulting it since the 1804 dollar is nothing but a third rate fake.

I am sure you will find somebody who will appreciate the coin.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb



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June 18, 1957

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

I have available, subject to prior sale, the world's finest known specimen of the 1794 dollar. This was the specimen in my World's Greatest Collection of Silver Coins which I sold in 1945. It has been in the same ownership since. The price is \$10,500.

The 1794 in the A.N.A. convention sale of 1956 sold for \$8,000 and it had initials removed.

I would recommend that you buy this coin as in my opinion it is much rarer than an 1804.

Give me a ring and I will be glad to send the dollar to you for your inspection.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

  
ABNER KREISBERG

ak/hd



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DATE 2/19/58

TO Mr. Eric Newman

6450 Cecil Avenue

St. Louis, Missouri

This merchandise is sent on consignment and title does not pass until paid for in full.

1      1797 M.Y. Cent - Indian

Dear Mr. Newman:

Please examine this coin and advise if  
it is authentic.

Kindest regards,



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February 19, 1958

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

I wonder if you would be good enough to check the enclosed New York cent for me.

I have been very busy with the February 28th sale and I am now cataloging for a sale in New York in May.

By the way, if you have any material that you wish to sell, such as duplicates, etc., I would be very glad to buy them.

Look forward to hearing from you.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

  
ABNER KREISBERG

ak/hd

enclosure

157 grains in air  
138 grains in water

19  
8.26 sp gr  
19 | 157  
152  
50  
38  
120

Much too low  
for copper



February 24, 1958

Mr. Abner Kreisberg  
228 North Beverly Drive  
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Abner:

The Liber Natus New York piece you forwarded to me is a crude cast, having a specific gravity of only 8.26 when it should have at least 8.9. It has a few lumps on the obverse which are caused by the casting and, as you can see, the under-metal is showing through the copper plating in a number of places. It is returned herewith. I am sorry that it is not a genuine.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

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DATE 1/16/59

TO Mr. Eric P. Newman

400 Washington Avenue

St. Louis 2, Missouri

*This merchandise is sent on consignment and title does not pass until paid for in full.*

APPROVAL

1      1787 Fugio Cent. UNITED STATES  
         at sides of circle.  
         ex Allenburger Collection)  
         Uncirculated and so  
         choice.....

125.00

Dear Mr. Newman:

Here is a choice Colonial that you may want or your friend may want. This is the first uncirculated specimen we have seen in a long time.

In our next auction sale on April 3 and 4, we have some extremely rare Colonial pieces. The catalogue should be in the mail in a month or so. We certainly look forward to receiving your bids.

Kindest regards,



January 20, 1959

Mr. Abner Kreisberg  
228 North Beverly Drive  
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Abner:

I appreciate the fact that you sent me the Fugio cent, which is variety 11-B, and which I am returning herewith. I buy coins often and want to continue to collect. However, it seems as though we never can complete a transaction and the primary reason is that your prices to me bear no relationship to the market value of the coin. Do people actually pay your prices for the coins?

As much as I enjoy collecting, I never enjoy owning a coin for which I have overpaid.

I will look forward to your sale of April 3 to see what Colonial coins you have but if there are any reserve or protection agreements with respect to them I would appreciate knowing.

Within a month ANS will publish another book of mine and I am glad to be able to get away from the commercial side of things in my research. I fully realize you have to make a living, and I am sure you realize that my interest in numismatics is strictly a hobby.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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September 15, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Eric:

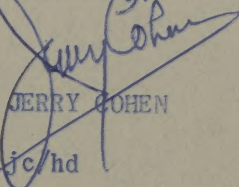
One of our clients is interested in acquiring the following Massachusetts Cents and Half Cents attributed to Crosby:

One Cent - 1787, 1B, 2aF, 2bE, 5 I, and 7 H  
                  1788, 5H, 9M, 11F  
Half Cent - 1787, 3A and 6D  
                  1788, 1A

If by any possible chance you have duplicates that you would like to dispose of I would like very much to have the opportunity to show these to my client.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

  
JERRY COHEN  
jc/hd



September 18, 1959

Mr. Jerry Cohen  
Abner Kreisberg  
228 North Beverly Drive  
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Jerry:

I do not have any Massachusetts copper of the  
die varieties your customer wishes. I am sorry  
I cannot help you.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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December 9, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Just a line to let you know that we are going to run a nice sale at the Waldorf, February 5th and 6th. You will receive the catalogue and there may be some items of interest to you.

By the way, should you decide to sell at any time any of your coins please don't forget me, as we are always interested in buying choice material and pay top prices.

Hope that you and your family are well.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

  
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May 13, 1960

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

We have an inquiry for an Indian Peace Medal. I was wondering if you would care to sell one of your specimens?

Incidentally, we own the only known Maundy set struck in gold. Perhaps this set would be of interest to you and we may be able to effect an exchange for some of your duplicates.

Hope that you and your family are well.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

  
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May 26, 1960



Mr. Eric P. Newman  
Edison Bros. Stores, Inc.  
400 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

We haven't heard from you for some time.

We are in the midst of revising the numerous want lists that we have on file and when time permits would like very much to have a copy of your current want list.

A Coinform and return envelope are enclosed for your convenience. We will be glad to send coins for your approval.

Look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Abner Kreisberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

ABNER KREISBERG

ak/hd

enclosures



June 1, 1960

Mr. Abner Kretsberg  
228 North Beverly Drive  
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Abner:

Thank you for your inquiry concerning the Indian Peace Medal. There are plenty of copper ones plated with silver floating around and, apparently, people are trying to sell these fakes as originals.

Thank you for mentioning the Maundry set in gold but this is out of my collecting field.

I look forward to seeing you whenever our paths can cross and am always glad to hear from you.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

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December 13, 1960

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Eric:

I was wondering if you may some time in the future decide to sell some of your duplicates or your entire collection? As you know, our problem is buying..not selling, and we are always looking for new material.

I wish you would go through your coins some time and see if there isn't anything that you wish to sell.

As the moving van companies say..."No project is too small or too large for us"..

Hope you have a nice holiday season..

Best regards,

Sincerely,



ABNER KREISBERG

ak/hd



December 21, 1960

Mr. Abner Kreisberg  
228 North Beverly Drive  
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Abner:

It is always nice to hear from you and you must remember I am interested in collecting and in research. I have many duplicates but, as you know, I do not sell anything. I do give items away to charities and I do exchange things for new items in my collection. Why don't you come up with something that would interest me in the way of an addition to my collection.

Best holiday wishes.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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December 23, 1960

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Nice to hear from you.

You say you are interested in making some additions to your collection. I wish that you would let me know what you would like to have and I will be on the lookout for these items.

I would especially like to buy your 1913 nickel, so please keep that in mind when you are in the mood to do something about it.

Trust that you and your family are well.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that appears to read "Abner".

ABNER KREISBERG

ak/hd

A handwritten mark in blue ink, consisting of a circle with a stylized letter inside, possibly a "D" or a "Q".



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JERRY COHEN



October 10, 1963

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.  
400 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Many thanks for your kind letter and the return of the Fugio in gold. I think I am going to include this in our next March Waldorf sale, so if you care to bid on it you can do so after you have checked over the catalogue.

By the way, do you have any material you would like to consign for our Waldorf sale? Kindly give it some thought.

Yours truly,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jerry Cohen".

JERRY COHEN

JC:hd

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ABNER KREISBERG — JERRY COHEN



DATE 2/12/64

TO Mr. Eric P. Newman, 6450 Cecil Ave., St. Louis 5, Mo.

SUBJECT \_\_\_\_\_

MESSAGE

Dear Eric:


Thanks for your kind note.

I had written a few letters and have received a sufficient supply of the St. Louis Federal Reserve notes. However, should I need more I will be most happy to send our check plus some Obsolete notes as suggested.

Our catalogue for our sale at the Waldorf is now in the mail and we look forward to your bids on items of current interest to you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

  
JERRY COHEN

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_



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April 3, 1965

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri

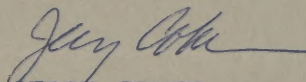
Dear Eric:

I know this is a stab in the dark and I hope that you do not mind my asking, but would you be interested in disposing of any of your rare duplicate Colonials? I have a client interested in top quality items and I know that you are apt to have them.

Please advise if you can supply anything in rare Colonials in top condition. Look forward to hearing from you.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

  
JERRY COHEN

JC:hd

April 6, 1965

Mr. Jerry Cohen  
Abner Kreisberg  
228 North Beverly Drive  
Beverly Hills, California

Eric P. Newman

Dear Jerry:

I do not sell any coins but sometimes give them away in satisfaction of my charitable obligations so that the charity could sell them. I will certainly keep you in mind when such a situation arises.

If your client is interested in Colonials, I might say that I have just been offered a four volume set of the Colonial Currency reprints which is a very scarce publication of the Print Society (250 originals, 100 reprints), for \$65.00. I already have an original set and this is another original set.

If anybody is interested in money problems of the Colonial period this is a "must". I have offered it to Charlie Johnson, today, but if he already has it, your client might wish it.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

P.O.Box 14020  
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

EPN/atb



# MEMO

P.S. I keep watching your stock go up  
— is it still a buy at today's quotes???

From

JERRY COHEN

To E.N.

4/7

Dear Eric

thanks for your kind reply — if you think  
the set of 4 U. Colonial Currency etc @ 65- would be  
a necessity in my library — for reference purposes  
— shoot it out — and thanks again —

Keep us in mind if and when you want to donate  
any coins — we can sell them in our sale and  
funds go to the "cause of your choice."

Sincerely  
Jerry



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April 15, 1965

Mr. Jerry Cohen

Eric P. Newman

Dear Jerry:

I just heard from Charles Johnson that he has the four volume set of Colonial Currency Reprints and he said "they are an excellent reference set".

The set I received is a modern reprint and the price is \$57.50 plus \$1.30 postage instead of what I quoted you. If you want these items please send me a check as I do believe it is a necessity for any reference library on numismatics. However, I am giving you one more chance to say "no" because this is a modern reprint rather than the early reprint.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

P. O. Box 14020  
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

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April 19, 1965

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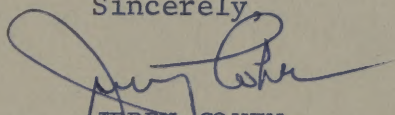
Dear Eric:

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 15th.

I have enclosed our check for \$58.80 in payment  
for the Colonial Currency reprint as described.  
I am sure that they will be a worthwhile addition  
to our important library.

Very best wishes,

Sincerely,

  
JERRY COHEN  
JC:hd

58 80  
57 50  
-----  
1 30 postage



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Bid No. 1397

October 31 1966

M Eric P Newman

6450 Cecil Ave.

St. Louis 5 Missouri

TITLE FOR THIS MERCHANDISE DOES NOT PASS UNTIL PAID FOR IN FULL

[illegible]



November 4, 1966

Mr. Abner Kreisberg  
228 North Beverly Drive  
Beverly Hills, California 90210

Dear Abner and Jerry:

Thank you, very much, for the 1795 Eagle which I received. It has a couple of nicks which bother me somewhat but I am not perfect either.

You indicated you might wish to have coins in exchange for this item and I will send them to you at the first opportunity; otherwise I can pay cash or there can be some of each. If you do, however, get a 1795 piece in a little better condition in the future I hope you will let me exchange it as I am a perfectionist.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

# MEMO

From

JERRY COHEN

To

Enc P.H.

11/8

Dear Enc

Thank for your note & the \$35.10

I assure you I'll gladly make an exchange when a nicer specimen shows its face — payment by coins or check... whatever is convenient — a nice

chain art would ring a bell

& type pieces of this calibre

~~that's all~~ Jerry



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STATEMENT

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Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Ave.  
St. Louis 5 Missouri

Dec. 1, 1966

Detach top half and mail with your remittance

AMT. ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Balance due on invoice

Auction Sale

October 31 1966

1901.31

Rd  
11/30/66

ABNER KREISBERG

228 N. BEVERLY DRIVE — BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.

December 6, 1966

Mr. Abner Kreisberg

Eric P. Newman

Dear Abner:

You will remember that we discussed whether I would attempt to turn over coins to you in satisfaction of my auction account but I just did not have time to get to it. Accordingly, I am enclosing my check. Thank you, very much, for being so patient.

Kindest Holiday greetings.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb



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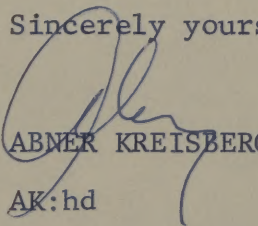
Mr. Eric P. Newman  
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Dear Eric:

We are now planning our next Waldorf sale which will be the first part of April. If you have any duplicates which you would like to consign to this sale please let us know.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

  
ABNER KREISBERG

AK:hd

January 29, 1968

Abner Kreisberg Corp.

Eric P. Newman

Gentlemen:

With respect to your Mail Bid of March 4, 1968, there are a number of items in which I would be interested but I need a little more information.

Are Lots 582 and 784 two of the same item?

As to Lot 411, will you be kind enough to list the volume and number of each of the units.

You might give me an estimate as to what you think Lots 786 through 790 will bring.

I also would like to know whether Lot 443 is complete so far as you know.

This certainly is a lovely library and ought to generate a lot of enthusiasm for those who like books.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

P.O.Box 14020  
St. Louis, Mo. 63178

EPN/stb



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ABNER KREISBERG — JERRY COHEN

DATE March 28, 1968TO Mr. Eric P. Newman6450 Cecil Ave.St. Louis, Mo. 5

Your Inv.#	Dated	Amount
		\$

Returned herewith:

#	ITEMS	COST
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	Returning Numisma As Received ...	
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*Sent needed  
numbers in lot you  
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February 26 1969

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Ave.  
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

Dear Eric:

I understand that you were in Los Angeles several weeks ago. Sorry I didn't get to see you.

I was wondering if you ever run into some nice material which is of no interest to you that you let us know as we are always looking for choice material.

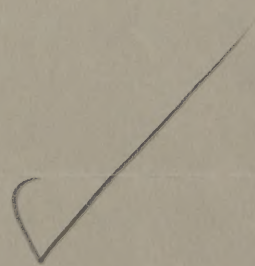
Trust that you are well.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

  
ABNER KREISBERG

AK/hd



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 10, 1969

Mr. Abner Kreisberg  
Numismatic Gallery  
228 No. Beverly Drive  
Beverly Hills, Calif. 90210

Dear Abner:

You were nice to write me. I received your letter when I was in the hospital after a kidney stone operation and thus the delay in the reply.

I stopped in at the Los Angeles convention for just a few hours and was sorry I did not get to see you and several others. I was on my way to San Diego.

I am glad that you let me know that you are seeking choice material to sell and will keep that in mind, as various situations pass into my ken for time to time.

Kindest personal regards to you and Jerry.

Sincerely yours,

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 31, 1971

Mr. Abner Kreisberg  
344 North Beverly Dr.  
Beverly Hills, Calif. 90210

Dear Abner:

I am going to be at the convention, in Long Beach, this Saturday and I would like to see you, personally on a matter. I will appreciate it if we could get in touch.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
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To Mrs. Herman

Date 4/2/71 Time 12:15

WHILE YOU WERE OUT A.M.

Mr. Kreishberg

of \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (213) 461-8898 <sup>oper. 6</sup>

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 26, 1971

Mr. Abner Kreisberg  
344 North Beverly Dr.  
Beverly Hills, Calif. 90210

Dear Abner:

I enjoyed our afternoon together and look forward to others.

I have received your various mailings and thank you for them.

I thought that you were going to give me a piece by piece estimate on what you thought the items on the list would bring if auctioned. This is important in measuring the desirability of selling by the auction route or selling at all at this time.

The fakes you sent me are at hand. There were a few common foreign pieces among them which are genuine but worthless and they shall be given to Boy Scouts.

The auction contract you sent is certainly brief and to the point. I presume that the catalogue provisions are mostly meant for the buyer. This, however, is of secondary importance at this time.

You advertised an 1853 \$20 U.S. Assay Office uncirculated at \$750. Would you send it on approval if you still have it in stock.

I look forward to hearing from you further.

Kindest personal regards,

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DATE April 28, 1971

TO Mr. Eric P. Newman

6450 Cecil Ave.

St. Louis, Mo. 63105

This merchandise is sent on consignment and title does not pass until paid for in full.

1	U.S. Assay \$20 Gold 1853 Gem	\$750 00
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	Postage & Ins.	✓
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 10, 1971

Mr. Abner Kreisberg  
344 North Beverly Drive  
Beverly Hills, California 90210

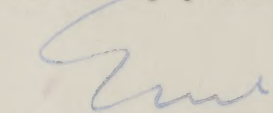
Dear Abner:

The 1853 U.S. Assay \$20 is returned herewith and I thank you for sending it. It is a very nice coin but the condition is not what I hoped for.

When a coin is cleaned or jet honed, it is most difficult for me to tell its true condition. I certainly understand that differences of opinion on condition are normal and that makes it difficult for some of us who have seen untouched gorgeous material to return to the realities of today.

Thanks, again.

Sincerely yours,



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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 10, 1971

Mr. Abner Kreisberg  
344 North Beverly Drive  
Beverly Hills, California 90210

Dear Abner:      Re: Schermerhorn Collection

Many thanks for your estimates on the Schermerhorn U.S. paper money. I will take them up with the bank in due course.

The bank official is on vacation now and I am about to go wandering myself.

I will endeavor to get you further information on the foreign gold.

Kindest regards,

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ABNER KREISBERG—JERRY COHEN



DATE May 12, 1971

TO Mr. Eric P. Newman

6450 Cecil Ave.

St. Louis, Mo. 63105

This merchandise is sent on consignment and title does not pass until paid for in full.

1	\$20 Gold U.S. Assay 1853 Gem Unc. 900 Thous	\$975 00
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Postage & Ins

*Returned in Washington.  
to Jerry Cohen  
8/13/71  
[Signature]*

*Dear Eric: Thought  
you'd like to see  
this one - just came in.*

*Best  
Alan*



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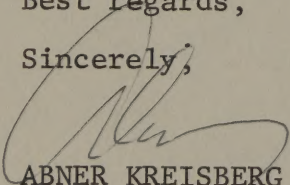
Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

Dear Eric:

On May 12th I sent you another \$20 Assay piece. I was wondering if you have received same. I am only concerned that the piece didn't go astray, otherwise you can take as long as you like about making up your mind.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

  
ABNER KREISBERG

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 8, 1971

Mr. Abner Kreisberg  
344 North Beverly Drive  
Beverly Hills, Calif. 90210

Dear Abner:

I just returned from Europe and your \$20 U.S.

Assay piece is here. Don't worry about it.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 15, 1971

Mr. Jerry Cohen  
Abner Kreisberg Corp.  
344 N. Beverly Drive  
Beverly Hills, Calif. 90210

Dear Jerry:

I do not believe the EB initials have ever been identified. Those counterstamps using script are more frequently found than those with the block letters. The block letters seem to differ from the Brasher punch but those on yours seem double struck and perhaps I should see the coin. Send it if you wish.

I was in Europe and thus the answer was delayed until now.

How is your daughter getting along at Washington University?

Regards.

Sincerely yours,

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DATE June 21, 1971

TO Eric P. Newman

6450 Cecil Ave.

St. Louis, Missouri 63105

**This merchandise is sent on consignment and title does not pass until paid for in full.**

FOR EXAMINATION:

1 1757 - 4 escudos EB

*Returned in Washington  
to Jerry Cohen  
8/13/71  
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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

October 21, 1971

Abner Kreisberg Corp.  
344 North Beverly Drive  
Beverly Hills, California 90210

Dear Abner and Jerry:

I don't want you to think I have forgotten you.

I finally received a list of the foreign gold coins on hand in the Schermerhorn Estate and am enclosing herewith a photocopy of the list.

If you have any thoughts as to where to place any of the rarities in this group, please let me hear from you.

I could recommend a private sale if the offer was satisfactory and a fair commission arrangement for you could be arranged with respect to the sale.

The paper money matter is still open.

Sincerely yours,

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December 6, 1971

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Ave.  
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

Dear Eric:

I was wondering if anymore progress has been made on the foreign gold and paper money?

As mentioned before, the market is very strong and this would be a good time. We can either buy it outright or take it on a commission basis.

If you like, we can arrange an appointment and I could meet you and finalize the deal.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

  
ABNER KREISBERG

AK/hd



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

*6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri*

December 9, 1971

Mr. Abner Kreisberg  
344 North Beverly Drive  
Beverly Hills, Calif. 90210

Dear Abner:

I certainly have not forgotten you on the Schermerhorn matter. For the moment the trust is working on another matter.

I will get in touch with you as soon as further action is appropriate.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 7, 1972

Mr. Richard M. Hart  
First National Bank in Dallas  
P. O. Box 6031  
Dallas, Texas 75222

Re: Robert F. Schermerhorn Trust A

Dear Mr. Hart:

In an auction this month of some nice U. S. paper money, it ought to give us a clue as to how prices are going. I will follow up on it.

I am enclosing a Xerox of a recent article which mentions the Schermerhorn Estate Demand Notes and thought you should know about it.

I have written Abner Kreisberg suggesting an auction with over-all guaranteed prices to see how it strikes him. I don't want you to get involved in that negotiation until I see whether he would be willing to handle it on such a basis.

Sincerely yours,

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 19, 1972

Mr. Abner Kreisberg  
344 North Beverly Drive  
Beverly Hills, Calif. 90210

Dear Abner:

You asked me to send you the figures which you submitted on the Schermerhorn Estate. I am enclosing herewith a Xerox of what you submitted. There are some items which are scratched out and those are items which were sold many years ago. The date of sale is listed in those cases.

A few of your figures may need adjustment, upward, but I wanted you to see those you submitted so as to try to proceed with a proposition on your behalf.

My kindest regards.

Sincerely,

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November 1 1972

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

Dear Eric:

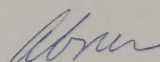
We hope you have received our current auction catalogue for November 27th sale. I know there may not be anything of interest to you but I thought you would like to see the choice material that we have in this sale.

With regard to the Schermerhorn paper money and foreign gold, I think the best thing to do is to put a price on the whole deal so that I can buy it outright.

Trust that you and your family are well.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

  
ABNER KREISBERG

AK/hd



Abner Kreiberg.

Dear Abner

You certainly have nice items in your next sale. Congratulations on being chosen to sell it.

As to the Schermerhorn collection it has been sold, to a collector. ~~I had intended to~~ I <sup>develop</sup> interested wanted to ~~submit it for~~ ~~recommend~~ ~~the best~~ on an auction basis I could ~~not~~ recommend, but ~~after~~ ~~reconsidering~~ after reviewing the facts they chose otherwise.

Something else will ~~also~~ come along soon

Best wishes to both of you.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 6, 1972

Mr. Abner Kreisberg  
344 No. Beverly Drive  
Beverly Hills, California 90210

Dear Abner:

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Congratulations on being chosen to sell it.


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Best wishes to both of you.

Sincerely yours,

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DATE November 9 1972

TO Mr. Eric P. Newman

6450 Cecil Ave.

St. Louis, Mo. 63105

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Lot No. 3 :

For an opinion

(Postage enclosed)

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 15, 1972

Abner Kreisberg Corp.  
344 North Beverly Drive  
Beverly Hills, California 90210

Gentlemen:

On November 9, 1972 you sent a 1787 Immunis Columbia copper piece, requesting an opinion as to its validity.

It weighs 143-1/2 grains and has a specific gravity of slightly over 9.2. There is a test cut in the edge above the UN of IMMUNIS and the area around the test cut is dark. There is a raised circular lump in the field over the head of Justice. The piece has a very dull ring. The dents below the claw on the left are not realistic but appear cast. The dent on the S of PLURIBUS is not realistic. The edge is very smooth.

In our opinion this is an electrotpe as no bona fide piece made of copper can have as high a specific gravity. The raised circular lump over the head is a defect in the manufacture of the electrotpe. It is not seen on genuine pieces.

We have not made a metallic analysis but I believe lead will show substantially if that is done.

We return the piece herewith and hope we have been of service.

Sincerely yours,

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November 21 1972

Mr. Eric Newman  
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Dear Eric:

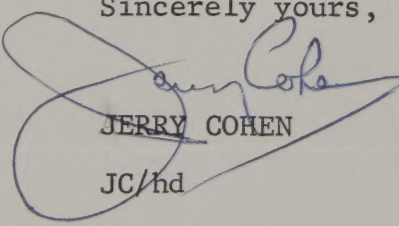
Thanks very much for your information in regard to the  
Immunis Columbia piece sent to you for your opinion.

This was obtained from a recent auction and, of course,  
will be sent back to the dealer who sold it in good  
faith.

Sincerely hope this note finds you well.

With kindest regards from Abner and myself.

Sincerely yours,



JERRY COHEN

JC/hd

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 30, 1973

Abner Kreisberg Corporation  
344 North Beverly Drive  
Beverly Hills, California 90210

Gentlemen:

The Continental Dollar, Type 2-C, which you sent us for an opinion, is a crude cast, and is returned herewith.

It is the type of forgery which should be destroyed.

The obverse has casting bubbles on the sun dial, on the motto, and on the first two numerals of the date. The reverse has casting bubbles in the center and over the Maryland link. The port through which the metal was poured is on the edge next to the one (1) of the date so copper shows curiously in some spots.

We hope we have been of service.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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April 9 1973

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
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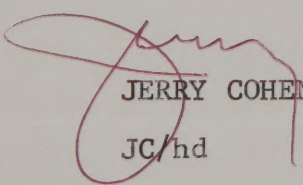
Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your "work" on the Continental Dollar. We have returned it to the owner with your comments.

We are currently cataloguing for our next Quality Sale to be conducted here in Beverly Hills, September 10-12th. If you have duplicate material that you would like to consign I would appreciate receiving same at your convenience.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

  
JERRY COHEN

JC/hd

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DATE April 10, 1974

TO Mr. Eric P. Newman

6450 Cecil Ave.

St. Louis, Mo. 63105

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| 1 | 1652 Oaktree Shilling for examination and opinion. |  |  |  |  |
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Thank Eric  
for your help  
Peter suggests  
look  
Jerry



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

*6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri*

April 22, 1974

Abner Kreisberg Corporation  
344 North Beverly Drive  
Beverly Hills, California 90210

Dear Jerry:

The 1652 Oaktree Shilling, Noe 14 sent to us for examination is genuine in our opinion. It is very flat in appearance and, although it has a few characteristics which are possible in cast coins, I do not feel that it is suspicious. The horizontal split in the planchet under the H is natural and very reconfirming. The weight of 65 grains also accounts for the missing chip. The coin is returned herewith.

Hoping we have been of help and kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Encl.

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April 30, 1974

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
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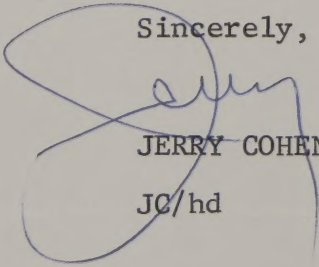
Dear Eric:

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 22nd confirming my thoughts on the Oak Tree Shilling. If I can be of any service to you don't hesitate to call on me.

Look forward to seeing you at the Central States Convention if you can make it.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

  
JERRY COHEN

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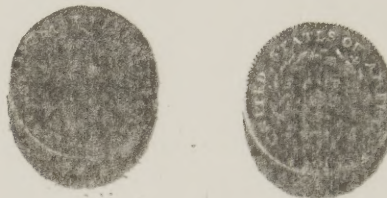
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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 9, 1978

Mr. Jerry Cohen  
Abner Kreisberg, Inc.  
344 N. Beverly Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210



Dear Jerry:

You have submitted to us for an opinion as to the genuineness a 1792 U.S. pattern cent purporting to be struck from the dies with which Silver Center cents were struck. Normally two types of planchets were used for genuine Silver Center cent strikings, one with a small silver plug in the center of a copper planchet and one without a plug but made from a mixture of copper with a very small amount of silver.

The most obvious characteristic of the submitted piece is that both the planchet and its purported plug appear to be primarily composed of silver. No coin of this type has ever been known or stated to exist, whether with or without a center plug. In 1792 there was no reason to put a silver plug in a silver planchet because a silver plug was made to insert in a copper planchet to give the coin proper value. The submitted piece is, therefore, unique, without logical purpose, and at most a product of caprice or error and not a trial made in the course of silver center cent experimentation.

It might be argued that the submitted piece was an error created when a silver planchet for a 1792 disme was by inadvertence struck in the 1792 cent dies, but then there would be no reason for a plug to be in such a planchet.

The submitted coin was previously sent to the American Numismatic Association Certification Service (#A-3795) in Washington, D. C., in October, 1975. It then weighed 81.6 grains and had a specific gravity of 10.18. At that time the undersigned examined it and it was plated with a thin surface of copper with traces of gold, but some silver showed through the plating. The surface color was primarily a copper color. The ANACS opinion given early in 1976 was that the coin was not an original.

In March, 1976, the submitted coin was delivered to Jack L. Tomlinson for study. The plating was no longer on it at that time according to his observations and it was apparently darkened with sulfide.

I am advised that it was owned by William Shaffer from whom, when, and under under what conditions he acquired it I am not informed.

The coin was submitted in mid 1977 by William Shaffer to Lester Merkin, a professional numismatist of New York City. On August 16, 1977, the following papers were brought to Lester Merkin by Trevor Philips in an envelope addressed to William Shaffer by someone in the Shaffer family from Telluride, Colorado:



1. Coinage Magazine for December, 1974, containing an article on a Silver Center Cent selling for \$105,000.
2. Photocopy of invoice from the Stan Henkels Sale of the Maris collection listing lot #146 (which was a 1792 U. S. pattern without a silver center) for \$67.50. This sale was in 1886.
3. Report of Jack L. Tomlinson of the Chemical and Materials Engineering Department of the California State Polytechnic College at Pomona dated March 18, 1976 and addressed to ANA (American Numismatic Association) giving an opinion that the metal of the coin is old, worn and plastically deformed to its shape. It is stated that the surface was tarnished with silver sulfide, but no opinion as to the genuineness of the coin was given.

The coin was shown to the undersigned and others in Atlanta, Georgia, at the annual convention of the ANA and soon sent by Merkin at the request of William Shaffer to Terry Fields, a Los Angeles attorney. Terry Fields took it as collateral and submitted the coin to Jerry Cohen of Abner Kreisberg, Inc. in Los Angeles, who sent it to the undersigned for opinion.

The submitted piece is silver in color, weighs  $81\frac{1}{2}$  grains and has a specific gravity of 10.13. A picture is attached. The obverse has the following characteristics:

1. Border dentils do not show from 2:30 to 8:30 o'clock.
2. The 7 in the date is very weak.
3. A diagonal dash slopes down to the right from the border touching the right top of D in INDUST.
4. A triangular depression in the center of the neck very close to 5 o'clock of the plug circumference with a small circular depression within the triangle.
5. Two round depressions in a vertical line close to and in front of the chin.
6. Line and dot depression in the field to right of chin point.
7. Round depression in front of and near upper lip.
8. Irregular depression under top stroke of first C in SCIENCE.
9. Circular depression in field near upper left of 1 of date.
10. Diagonal depressed line rising to the right in the field over and near the top of the 7.



11. Circular depression to left of center of left upright of N in PARENT.
12. Group of 6 small depressions in the field to right of the eye.
13. Two circular depressions between ER of LIBERTY and one above space between them.
14. Circular depression in field at left top of crossbar of T in LIBERTY.
15. Long curving line depression in field to right of lower forehead.

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The reverse has the following characteristics:

1. An oval depression between TE of UNITED.
2. Two line depressions resembling a sidewise T to the left of the first S in STATES, the stem of the depressed T being 90 degrees offset to the line of the two nearest berries.
3. Line crack, resembling a planchet or die break, beginning at point of dentil above left side of first T in STATES, passing left side of T and continuing to lower right point of A in STATES, then fading off toward the top berry of the wreath.
4. Three depressions in vertical line to right of T in CENT.
5. Top right serif of C in CENT shows no plug line.
6. Plug line is a trench which is very pronounced from 1 to 6 o'clock and narrower from 10 to 1 o'clock and from 6 to 8:30 o'clock.
7. E and left of N in plug are very weak.
8. Dot depression to left of bottom of O in ONE.
9. One circular depression above and one below second A of AMERICA.
10. Diagonal line depression going up to the right below R of AMERICA.
11. Dot depression on top of right upright of M.
12. Three irregular depressions below E of STATES.
13. Border beading is weak between 5 and 7 o'clock but is visible.

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The edge milling reaches the obverse face but does not reach the reverse face. The milling is otherwise complete.

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There are various estimates as to how many 1792 small cents are known. A pedigree of 7 Silver Center pieces is listed in a December 18, 1958 sale and a September 18, 1974 sale, but three more are mentioned in a November 11, 1974 sale. Such pedigree identification as is mentioned in these sales is far from clear. Pictures of many of these are available.

X-ray photographs taken of the submitted piece show that the plug is not a separate piece from the balance of the coin but is part of a solid piece. This conclusion is reached because in a clear portion no circular outline whatever can be seen of the separation of two pieces of metal. Another defect noticed in the x-ray picture is a void or open space in the interior of the submitted piece. A void cannot exist in a struck piece because it would be crushed closed and can only exist from a casting bubble or a bubble created in the course of electrolytic transfer.

In the comparison of the submitted piece with a photograph of the Judd piece (illustrated in the Judd book on U. S. patterns) one can notice that on the reverse of the Judd piece the trench around the plug is identical in position and shape to the trench of the submitted piece. The Judd piece is made of copper with a silver plug and has long been known. It is clearly genuine and has been examined by the undersigned when it was owned by Julian Leidman. This trench identity cannot happen on two genuine coins because each fitted plug would have different defects.

Similarly if we compare other characteristics of the Judd piece with the submitted piece, we find each has a weak 7 in the date, lack of border dentils in the same position, weakness of border dentils in the same position, a dented depression within the first C of SCIENCE, the upright of the T shaped scratch to the left of the first S in STATES, the dents in front of the lips and chin, the dents above and below the last A in AMERICA and many of the other scratches and depressions listed above. No two coins can have the same defects.

The submitted piece is thus proven a forgery copied by electrolytic action and casting from the Judd piece and not struck from original dies.

Forgeries of 1792 Silver Center cents are long known. The American Journal of Numismatics of January, 1873 (p. 71) mentions one. I have seen at least five and at one time saw three in one collection. The forgeries are sometimes solid rather than what are known as pieced electrotypes.

The purpose of making the submitted forgery in silver can only be that



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it was intended to cover the plug area on each side with wax or other insulation and to electroplate the balance of the coin with copper. When the wax or insulation would be removed there would appear the silver surface as a Silver Center in a copper coin. The specific gravity would obviously be wrong just as the submitted piece is. A copper forgery could be silver plated in the plug area in similar fashion. Another choice would be to drill a hole in a copper electrotype and cut a plug from a silver electrotype and insert the plug in the other piece mechanically. This would be very difficult to do as elements already having the design on their faces would not make the design joiner appear as a unit.

It is our opinion that the submitted coin is a very well made forgery and the principal reasons for that conclusion are set forth in this letter. The coin should be deposited into a collection of forgeries so that it does not continue to be deceptive to the unwary.

The submitted coin is returned herewith. We hope we have been of service.

Very truly yours,

Eric P. Newman

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9/22/82

Hi Eric

Thanks for the colorful tie - it will be  
a trade mark at conventions - being a Bostonian  
by birth it will fit me well -

Look forward to our next visit - and  
pleasant meeting -

Sincerely  
Jerry Cohen ✓



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February 2, 1984

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Dear Abner:

Your new arrangement in going on your own is so much better than retiring. May you enjoy the success and pleasure of a continuation of your lifelong work.

Cordially,

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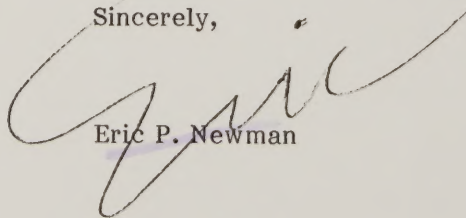
Dear Abner:

It was a delight to read in **The Numismatist** that you are about to celebrate your 90th birthday. I congratulate you and will gladly attend your 100th birthday. My friend Phillip Lyon of Beverly Hills is much older than you are, but you have an edge of 7 years on me. However, I have been in numismatics for 74 years so far and I am still writing and collecting.

I remember how you developed a friendship with my wife's uncle and aunt (Irving and Beatrice Edison) when you were together on a cruise long ago.

Keep working, and numismatic enthusiasm will sustain you physically and mentally far into the future.

Sincerely,

A large, fluid, handwritten signature in dark ink, likely of Eric P. Newman, written over the typed name.

Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv



**Abner Kreisberg**

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May 13, 1994

Dear Eric:

Thank you  
very much for your  
letter.

It brought back  
lots of memories.

I hope we can  
meet again soon.

Best regards -

Sincerely,

Abner